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The Honorable Timothy S. Bee
President
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1025; Scholarships; Disabled Pupils; Good Cause

Dear President Bee:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1025, the bill that would have allowed the Arizona Department of Education to waive certain eligibility requirements to the Arizona Scholarships for Pupils with Disabilities Program, the program that allows disabled students to use public funds to pay for private school tuition.

The Arizona Scholarships for Pupils with Disabilities Program is currently the subject of litigation, and the continued existence of the program is unpredictable. As recently as April 23, 2008, the Arizona Court of Appeals heard oral arguments in the matter. It is premature to expand a program in the midst of this type of legal challenge.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1025.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers
The Honorable Linda Gray